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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TO LEARN THROUGH JOB SHADOWING AT WSRC

AIKEN, S.C., (Feb. 3) – Ten deserving students from Richmond County have been selected to participate in the first Westinghouse Savannah River Company High School High Tech Job Shadowing Program Day on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

WSRC will host the students who are participants in Richmond County's High School High Tech Program – a program that provides career development and enhancement opportunities specifically for high school students with disabilities.

WSRC became involved with High School High Tech over a year ago by conducting a variety of developmental workshops. This year, WSRC decided to increase its involvement by sponsoring a job shadowing day for students with disabilities in conjunction with National Groundhog Shadowing Day initiatives.

On Feb. 9, the students will participate in a full day of activities to include job shadowing and hands-on experiences with WSRC employees. Students will be matched with WSRC Team employees working in technical and non-technical fields based on their interests.

"We take pride in making educational opportunities, such as job shadowing day, available to students within the Central Savannah River Area," said WSRC President Bob Pedde. "The students were obviously deserving, and our WSRC Team employees are excited about becoming mentors for the day."

"Initially, the plan was to pilot the program with five students," said Program Coordinator Donna Moore Wesby. "After reviewing the 10 applications, it was clear we had to make this opportunity available for all of them."

The WSRC High School High Tech Job Shadowing Program is organized through an existing Memorandum of Understanding with the Richmond County Board of Education. Other participating partners include the Georgia Department of Labor Vocational Rehabilitation Program and the Augusta Area Society for Human Resources Management.

WSRC and its partners operate the Savannah River Site for the U.S. Department of Energy.

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